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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449. The listed references are included herewith along with a translation of Japanese patent No. JP11-218379 and a translation of Japanese patent No. JP11-218379. Some of the references cited on the attached Form-1449 are not in English. These non-English references are discussed hereinbelow:

The reference JP 07018943 A is not in the English language. It is relevant in that it discloses a sliding door which can be opened by using a metal-made threshold and installing magnets whose magnetic poles may be directed at the bottom of the sliding door.

The reference DE 3837-547-A is not in the English language. It is relevant in that it discloses a magnetic closure for a freezer or refrigerator door.

The reference SE 9200194-A is not in the English language. It is relevant in that it discloses a refrigerator door with opening and closing mechanism. It has an electromagnetic coil actuated by remote control overcoming attraction force of magnet holding door closed.

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